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## *Gail Smith Steps Down as Chair of Clinical Studies–Philadelphia*



**Dr. Gail Smith, V'74**, professor of surgery, has stepped down as chair of the Department of Clinical Studies–Philadelphia. He plans to transition back to the faculty after a sabbatical at the National Institutes of Health, where he will add genomics to his expertise, and then will return to use this powerful approach to further broaden

the impact of PennHIP® (University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program) on canine health. Dr. Smith is internationally known for his discovery and development of PennHIP®, which is a radiographic technique for the early diagnosis of canine hip dysplasia. Through his extensive work in the field of orthopaedics, Dr. Smith has applied engineering principles to the study of veterinary orthopaedic conditions of the knee, spine and hip.

**Dr. Shel Steinberg, V'59**, emeritus professor of neurology, has assumed the administrative responsibilities of chair in the interim until June 30, 2006.

**Dr. James Serpell**, Marie A. Moore Associate Professor of Humane Ethics and Animal Welfare, was named interim chair of the Department of Clinical Studies–Philadelphia, beginning July 1, 2006. Dr. Serpell is also head of Penn's Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society, whose broad goal is to promote understanding of a wide range of human–animal interactions and relationships, including those with companion animals, farm animals, laboratory animals, zoo animals and free-living wild animals. In addition to publishing in a variety of international journals, Dr. Serpell also is author of the critically acclaimed book *In the Company of Animals: A Study of Human–Animal Relationships*.



## *David Nunamaker Steps Down as Chair of Clinical Studies–NBC*

Also effective July 1, 2006, **Dr. David Nunamaker, V'68**, will step down as chair of the Department of Clinical



Studies–New Bolton Center after 12 years of service. He will return to his laboratory after a brief sabbatical, and looks forward to continuing to contribute to the Department as an active faculty member. Dr. Nunamaker has spent his entire career at Penn: In addition to serving on the faculty for almost 40 years, he

has held a number of senior administrative positions, including director of the Richard S. Reynolds, Jr. Comparative Orthopaedic Research Laboratory and head of the Mark and Lila Allam Center for Equine Sports Medicine. In 1979, Dr. Nunamaker was named the Jacques Jenny Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery. In 1982, Dr. Nunamaker advanced the field of equine orthopaedic medicine when he began using an external fixator to stabilize fractures in horses' legs. Dr. Nunamaker's other research topics include fracture healing, internal fixation, bone remodeling, bone fatigue and biomechanics.

## *Kate Judge Named Assistant Dean*

**Kate Judge** has been named assistant dean of advancement and communication of the School of Veterinary Medicine. She assumed her new responsibilities on February 28, 2006.

Ms. Judge brings with her an impressive array of past successes. Her immediate past position was as special assistant to the senior vice president of development for the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross. Prior to her work with the National Red Cross, Ms. Judge served as the development leader of the local (Southeastern Pennsylvania) American Red Cross chapter.

From 1992–2000 she served as assistant dean for development and alumni relations for the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

In returning to Penn, Ms. Judge succeeds Mark Stuart, who served as Penn Vet's lead development officer for five years. Mr. Stuart departed October 2005 to become head of membership and development for the San Diego Zoo. During his tenure at Penn, Mr. Stuart achieved many successes, including the naming of the new Teaching and Research Building and the overwhelming success of a \$100,000,000 campaign. ♥

